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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, DCI SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Community-Wide Adherence to DCID 1/14 (U)

1. (C) Our replies to the comments requested in your memorandum of 12 July 1977, SECOM-D-256 are keyed to the subparagraphs in paragraph 2 of that memorandum:

a. The investigative requirements of DCID 1/14 are being met for persons under consideration by the NSA for access to SCI.

b. We are unable to state with certainty that any set of investigative standards/requirements will "ensure comparability of SCI screening." If the same set of facts were "screened" in each department and agency of the Intelligence Community, we would undoubtedly obtain a variety of dissimilar evaluations/adjudications. This question should be discussed to ensure a common understanding of its objective.

c. Yes. We have instituted a program whereby each individual scheduled for reinvestigation is interviewed prior to initiation of the NAC and other checks. During the interview, we ensure the completeness and accuracy of the forms; instruct the individual on his continuing responsibilities for the protection of SCI; re-emphasize the requirements for continued SCI access eligibility; discuss general security matters, and, if necessary, resolve any questionable activities.

d. We conduct continuing personnel security programs in security awareness, security supervision and clearance evaluation. Our security awareness program includes an all-day initial orientation for civilian and military personnel, reinforced by semi-annual theme campaigns (most recently telephone security and need-to-know) and semi-annual video presentations (most recently on espionage). Each of these

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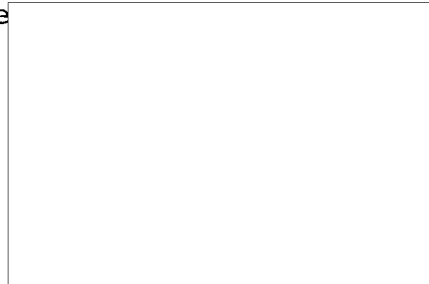
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semi-annual programs reached about [redacted] people. During the past 12 months our security awareness organization has counseled 224 people and conducted 733 defensive briefings (such as for couriers, persons going TDY, special projects). We produce a monthly security poster. The security supervision program is governed by an Agency regulation which charges Agency supervisors with an important role in security and requires the placement of security officers on the staffs of Agency organizations. The clearance evaluation program includes re-screening of individual security files, for example, prior to PCS or assignment to a special project and a thorough examination of any issues that may arise concerning an individual's loyalty or suitability.

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e. This should be discussed by the Committee, not because we are averse to it, but because we are uncertain of the dimensions of the "problem". So far as we know, the Privacy Act provides for the "legal" exchange of this type information between or among government agencies. The establishment of a procedure for ensuring appropriate exchange of information seems feasible.

2. (U) We believe a briefing expanding on the reasons underlying the requirement for this re-examination would be beneficial to the Committee



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